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LIGHTSENSITIVE MATERIAL USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) The emulsion according to claim 1, wherein the perfect epitaxial grains defined in said requirement (iii) have no dislocation lines except in the epitaxial apex portion.

